

It is a milestone that certainly deserves recognition, and I am pleased to have introduced a resolution last week commemorating its 150th year anniversary.

The Chicago Board of Trade, which sits in my Congressional District, has been an integral part of the development of the City of Chicago, and, indeed, of the world. Chicago Board of Trade was founded by 82 visionary Chicago merchants, and made its mark by revolutionizing how grain was stored and sold. Little did these visionaries know 150 years ago that their efforts would lead to the creation of the world's largest futures market and a centralized marketplace for the sellers and buyers of grain. Just last year, the Chicago Board of Trade opened the world's largest trading floor, 60,000 square feet, for financial futures and futures options, and a record one million Treasury bond futures were traded in a single day.

The Chicago Board of Trade has had a significant impact on the lives of all. Food prices in the United States are lower because of the Board of Trade; interest rates on Federal securities are lower than they otherwise would be because of the Chicago Board of Trade. The existence of this extremely efficient, vital marketplace has saved us all money, whether we have ever purchased a futures contract or not.

It is not by accident that this market is located in Chicago. Due to its central location, access to waterways and proximity to farmland, Chicago is the natural crossroads of commerce in the United States.

The Chicago Board of Trade has served as host to Presidents, Members of Congress and dignitaries from throughout the world.

They have been on the cutting edge of technology. In 1995, it became the first futures exchange to open a commercial service on the Internet, and since then they have established an electronic system for overnight trades.

The Chicago Board of Trade has been a real leader in the world. Just this year, the Board of Trade entered into a cooperative agreement with EUREX, its Swiss-German counterpart, and plans are in the works to add a partner in Asia.

The success of the Chicago Board of Trade has not only created huge benefits for our Nation generally, it has also contributed enormously to the economy of Chicago. Chicago's two future exchanges have created over 150,000 jobs and puts millions of dollars each night in the city's banks. In a world class city, renowned for its architecture, the beautiful Board of Trade structure stands out as a major example of art, Deco style, and one of Chicago's most treasured landmarks.

The Chicago Board of Trade is a shining example of the ingenuity, hard work and creativity that is respected throughout the world. As members of the board prepare for your gala celebration on June 13th, I wish you another 150 years of success.

Again, congratulations, and I urge all of my colleagues to join with me in congratulating the Chicago Board of Trade on its 150 years of success and benefit to the American economy.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentlewoman from Texas (Ms. JACKSON-LEE) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas addressed the House. Her remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

CAMPAIGN FINANCE PROBE: 94 WHO AREN'T TALKING

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 7, 1997, the gentleman from Indiana (Mr. BURTON) is recognized for 60 minutes as the designee of the majority leader.

Mr. BURTON of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, I do not anticipate taking the whole 60 minutes, but I did think it was important to illuminate a few issues for my colleagues and for anybody in the country take might be paying attention.

We have been investigating the illegal campaign contributions that have come into the Democrat National Committee and the Clinton-Gore Committee of 1996 for about a year now. One of the biggest problems we have had, Mr. Speaker, is that 94 people, 94 people, have either taken the Fifth Amendment or fled the country.

Now, when I had the FBI director, Mr. Louie Freeh, before my committee not long ago, I asked him if he had ever seen anything of that magnitude, and the FBI director said, "Well as a matter of fact, Mr. Chairman, I have." And I said, "Really? When was that?" He said, "When I was investigating organized crime in New York City."

Now, during this past week, the Washington Post, on the Federal Page, for the first time of any major newspaper in the country listed everybody who has taken the Fifth Amendment or fled the country, and I commend them for that. The Washington Post is not a bastion of conservatism, as most people know, but the fact of the matter is, they have listed all these people and given a brief explanation as to why they have not testified before our committee or any committee of the Congress.

I want to go through these real briefly for my colleagues and the American people, who have a right to know why people are leaving the country or taking the Fifth Amendment and not telling why these contributions came in from Communist China, from Macao, from Indonesia, from Egypt, from Taiwan and from South America.

Now, this is very important, because these people who are giving contributions from other parts of the world are not doing it for their health. They are doing it because they want something from the United States.

We just heard about the technology transfer that took place, giving China the ability to target more accurately American cities with their ICBM's and nuclear warheads. We also gave them MRVing technology, which allows them to put as many as three or four warheads on each rocket. That means that not just 18 cities are targeted here in the United States by the Communist Chinese Government and the Chinese communist Army, but 54 cities are possibly targeted at one time if we ever have a confrontation with them. That is a very, very sobering thought.

Every man, woman and child in this country ought to be asking the question, was there a quid pro quo? Was there an exchange of contributions for technology? Was the Loral Company, headed by Mr. Schwartz, involved, and did the contributions he gave have anything to do with it? He was the largest single contributor to the Democrat National Committee and the Clinton Gore campaign.

But let us get to the issue at hand. John Huang, the first person on this chart, he was born in China. He is a U.S. citizen, raised in Taiwan, and a former executive of the Lippo Group in Indonesia. He started out with the Worthen Bank in the United States, in Little Rock, Arkansas, and became a friend of the President of the United States.

Mr. Huang met with the President and others at the White House ten times between June 21 and June 27, 1994, and, right after that, Mr. Web Hubbell, who was about to be indicted by a Federal grand jury, received \$100,000 from the Lippo Group. Many people believe that was hush money, and that is one of the things we have been investigating.

Shortly after this possible hush money was given to Mr. Hubbell, Mr. Huang, two weeks later, got a job over at the Commerce Department as Assistant Secretary of the Commerce Department, which was a very influential department, because they had a hand in determining technology transfers and other transfers that went to places like Communist China. Anyhow, Mr. Huang has taken the Fifth Amendment. His wife, Jane Huang, has taken the Fifth Amendment.

Arief and Soraya Wiriadinata, they have left the country. They fled the country. Those people, he was a gardener over in Virginia, a gardener in Virginia, yet he gave \$450,000 to the DNC. Now, I do not know how much gardeners make in other parts of the country, Mr. Speaker, but \$450,000 from a man who is probably making \$20,000 to \$25,000 a year is a lot of money. It makes you wonder where that money came from.

Soraya's father, Hashim Ning, was a business partner of Mochtar Riady and the Lippo Group in Indonesia, and he wired \$500,000, which the couple used to make these \$450,000 in contributions. Evidently they kept \$50,000 of that. But that was obviously money that was